GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
LOK SABHA

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BAMS DEGREE
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the BAMS degree is awarded to the Indian students after completing four and a half year course, whereas the same is being provided after only one and a half year to the foreign nationals;

(b) if so, the details thereof alongwith the reasons for such discrimination;

(c) whether it is also a fact that the British Ayurvedic Council has also opposed to this policy of the Government; and

(d) if so, the reaction of the Government thereto?

Answer

MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI SHATRUGHAN SINHA)

(a) to (d) Bachelor of Ayurvedic Medicines and Surgery (BAMS) is not being awarded to foreignational undergoing one and a half years Course.

The British Government proposes to regulate herbal teaching and practice in their country, which will include Ayurvedic teaching in addition to other herbal medicines. The Government of India prepared Core Curriculum on Ayurveda, which would be considered by them for inclusion in the proposed herbal medicines Course.

The British Ayurvedic Council is opposed to this Course on the ground that this Short Course is being equated with 5 1/2years of BAMS Course in India.

The assumption of the Council is not correct. No BAMS medical qualification will be awarded to those who undergo this Course.